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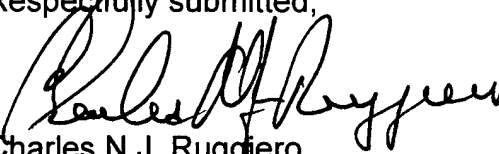
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Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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	5,194,315	03/16/93	ITOH			
	5,093,176	03/03/92	PRIBONIC, et al.			
	4,929,480	05/29/90	MIDKIFF, et al.			
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	4,224,366	09/23/80	McCABE, JR			
	6,391,806 B1	05/21/02	CARSON, et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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